

Recommendations, must try drinks for night in Aggieville

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Though we're only three weeks into the semester, students are already beginning to search for ways to unwind. Some decide to work-out, others choose to sleep and others visit Aggieville.

On a typical weekend, it seems to be barely contained chaos in Aggieville. People are everywhere; they're catching up with friends while letting their homework pile up to Sunday because they just need a strong – yet cheap – drink.

Bartenders prove to be valuable resources for students, as they have great taste when it comes to drinks they think their patrons will enjoy. Here's a few recommendations from bartenders around Aggieville:

Mojo's Beach Bar, located on eastern edge of Aggieville, offers its patrons several deals in the form of a membership to the "Yacht Club." The club gives special pricing on shots, certain beers and drinks for just \$40 annually.

Paul Danler, co-owner of Mojo's, said most people like their colorfully-named tropical drinks, such as the Bananarama and the Sharknado, which consists of a shot out of a plastic shark. Danler said his favorite drink to make and consume off the large chalkboard menu is the Cantaloupe Bay, which is V8 and Grey Goose Le Melon Vodka, though he said personally prefers to drink gin.

On the opposite side of Aggieville, Eighteen63's Taylor McKinley, senior in marketing, said she prefers Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka and water when she's drinking.

"It literally tastes just like sweet tea, it's kind of dangerous," McKinley said.

However, Eighteen63 is



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Can't-miss drinks at Mojo's Beach Bar in Aggieville include, in the front from left to right, the Sharknado, Grenade and Cantelope Bay, and in the back, Bananarama and Blue Hawaiian.

known for its flaming LAX Bombs. Eighteen63 uses its own secret mix.

"I can't tell you what's in the mix, but I can tell you that it's (Bacardi) 151 that lights it on fire," McKinley said.

Michael Mezzacappa, senior in social sciences and bartender at Tubby's, said all he needs to have a good time when he goes out is a good Bud Light. Despite his choice in drink, Mezzacappa said he recommends more aggressive drinks for his

customers.

"AMFs and Tornadoes are our signature drinks," Mezzacappa said.

AMFs are made with a myriad of alcohol, including vodka, rum, tequila and Blue Curacao liqueur. The Curacao is what gives the AMF its bright blue color.

"Any bright colored drink seems to be a hit with customers," Mezzacappa said. "But if someone wants something fun, let's get some tequila shots going."

Kite's Bar and Grill is

known for its \$2.50 pounders, according to bartender and Manhattan resident Andrew Nussall. The pounders, which are the 16 oz beer cans

Kite's offers, are Bud Light and Shock Top products. Nussall said he prefers Long Island Ice Teas when he goes out. Just like when college students visit Tubby's, AMFs are popular at Kite's also. There is no recognizable difference between the drinks at both bars.

"When I was in college, I just always got what was on

special because it was cheaper," Lacy Struckmeyer, manager of Aggie Station, said. "But now that I'm older, I just get whatever I want."

If you are going to Aggie Station, Struckmeyer recommends the Moscow Mule which contains top shelf vodka, lime juice and ginger beer.

"It's just really refreshing," Struckmeyer said.

She also shared that her bartenders are really original and tend to recommend their favorites.

"People to make the things they like better when people ask them about their favorites," Struckmeyer said.

These are just a few of the bars in Aggieville, but already the point has been proven that Aggieville bartenders are the people to talk to if you want to unwind from the stresses of being a college student. So go visit your favorite bar and ask your bartender what they recommend and see where the night goes from there.

Tips, information local police officers wish students would know

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Aggieville is a melting pot for all kinds of people and when alcohol is involved, there's always potential for volatile situations. The police officers of the Riley County Police Department in Aggieville are tasked with the job of dealing with these situations. Here are a couple of tips you can use to make your interactions with the police in Aggieville a lot easier.

Have an ICE

Officer Mat Droge, public information officer for the Riley County Police department, more commonly known as #twittercop, said when it comes to Aggieville, a significant amount of officer time is spent helping severely intoxi-

cated people find their friends to come pick them up and ensuring their safety.

"We met a really drunk girl at 12th and Moro and we asked her where she lived and she gave us an address so we figured that was where she lived so we gave her a ride home," Droge said. "We get to the house and they've never heard

20-30 minutes trying to figure out where she lived and all the while she had a full conversation on her car keys."

Droge said intoxication on such a level might not be illegal, but it is irresponsible and dangerous. It becomes the job of the police to ensure that the person is taken care of. In these situations, it's was always use-

phone number and your address," Droge said. "That way if we happen to find you and find your cellphone we can at least find somebody to call to figure out where you should be."

In emergencies, descriptions help

During emergencies the two biggest things to remember are to stay calm and focus on the details and descriptions.

"Just think about being as descriptive as you can," Tyler Siefkes, dispatch shift supervisor at the Riley County Police Department, said. "If there's a crime that has occurred, details like description of people or vehicles that were involved and if you know directions, last direction of travel is a big thing too. Any kind of details are helpful to us so we can get it out to the

officers quickly."

Siefkes also said the first thing anyone calling is going to be asked is their location so having an address, intersection or any directions to the locations are important.

Police officers are human too

The most important thing police officers want students to remember is that much like students, they are human and the things that upset students are the same things that upset the police.

"Believe it or not, and this is something I can tell everybody, 'Even though we wear a badge and gun, we're people, man,'" Officer Steve Fritzon of the Riley County Police department, said. "Treat us like you would like your mom or dad to be treated. It's pretty much the

golden rule."

Officer Fritzon said what students don't realize that the police's job is to enforce the law rather than make it. Officer Droge said believing the police is out to get students and therefore behaving in an uncooperative manner does more harm to the situation than good because more often than not, the police are on the students' side.

"Students at K-State more often tend to be the victim rather than the suspect," Officer Droge said. "Most of our interactions with students, we're legitimately not trying to get them into trouble at all, we're trying to help them."

Dealing with police officers doesn't have to be difficult or cumbersome, being mindful of some easy but vital tips can make your relations with police officers in Aggieville a lot easier.



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